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SUBJECT:VOLAG VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM THE DISCUSSION HELD AT THE VOLAG-IATF MEETING ON MONDAY JULY 28 AT INDIANTOWN GAP EXPERIENCE IS DEMONSTRATING THAT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP PLACEMENT DIFFICULTIES ARISE WHEN THERE HAS BEEN NO LOCAL FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWING OF PROSPECTIVE SPONSORSHIPS BY THE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION OR ITS AFFILIATES. ALTHOUGH IATF IS AWARE THAT A VARIETY OF PROCEDURES ARE EMPLOYED BY THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO VERIFY SPONSORSHIPS AND THAT COMPLETE UNIFORMITY OF THE PROCESSES IS NEITHER POSSIBLE NOR PERHAPS DESIREABLE IATF IS NEVERTHELESS CONCERNED THAT CERTAIN ESTABLISHED STANDARDS BE SET FOR ALL VERIFICATION PROCEDURES EMPLOYED BY ALL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES.

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2. TO ASSIST IATF IN ESTABLISHING SUCH STANDARDS WE REQUEST THAT YOU SUPPLY US WITH ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MONDAY AUGUST 4. PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE TO THE VOLAG COORDINATORS OF EACH OF THE FIVE CAMPS.

(A) HOW DO YOU FOLLOW UP ON SPONSORSHIP OFFERS RECEIVED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION?

(B) DO YOU IN ALL CASES HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION MAKE FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT WITH THE PROSPECTIVE SPONSOR?

(C) IF YOUR RESPONSE TO QUESTION (B) IS "NO" DO YOU HAVE AN ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH YOUR OWN MAKE SUCH FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT? PLEASE SUPPLY US WITH A LIST OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, AND IF FEASIBLE, THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN WHICH YOUR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION(S) CONDUCT SUCH ACTIVITIES FOR YOU.

(D) IF YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONDUCT FACE-TO-FACE SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATIONS DO YOU SUB-CONTRACT THIS FUNCTION AND AT WHAT COST OR DO YOU RECEIVE SUCH SERVICES ON A PRO BONO BASIS?

(E) WHAT TYPE OF SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION PROCESS IN YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND WHICH PROCESS LEADS MOST OFTEN TO DIFFICULTIES?

NOTE: IF YOUR ORGANIZATION USES DIFFERENT VERIFICATION PROCESSES DEPENDING UPON WHICH CAMP YOU ARE OPERATING OUT OF PLEASE NOTE THE VARIATIONS IN YOUR RESPONSE TO EACH OF THE QUESTIONS. IATF WILL ANALYZE THE MATERIALS YOU SUBMIT TO US AND WILL HAVE PREPARED BY OUR MEETING ON AUGUST 6 A DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT SETTING FORTH STANDARDS FOR THIS VITAL RESETTLEMENT FUNCTION APPLICABLE TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF FINDING SUITABLE SPONSORS FOR THE REFUGEES. INGERSOLL

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